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HB 2393: presidential preference; parties; voting methods Sponsor: Representative Kolodin, LD 3 Caucus & COW

<u>Overview</u>

Requires political parties that choose to select a nominee for president by a vote that is open to the entire political party membership to provide a method of voting to uniformed services or overseas citizens and persons with disabilities.

<u>History</u>

A presidential preference election allows qualified electors the opportunity to express their preference for the presidential candidate of the political party indicated on their voter registration. A presidential preference election must be conducted in the same manner as a primary election. A presidential preference election must be held on the Tuesday following March 15 (A.R.S. §§ <u>16-241</u>; <u>16-201</u>).

The Governor can issue a proclamation that the presidential preference election be held later if the proclamation is issued 180 days before the election date. The County Board of Supervisors must receive a copy of the proclamation (A.R.S. § 16-241).

A *person with a disability* includes a person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability that substantially restricts or limits the person's access to polling places (A.R.S. § <u>16-581</u>).

Provisions

- 1. Requires any political party that chooses not to participate in the presidential preference election and chooses to select a nominee for president by a vote that is open to the entire political party membership to provide a method of voting for persons:
 - a. who are uniformed services or overseas citizens; and
 - b. with disabilities. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Allows a political party to choose the means for voting. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Specifies that political parties are not required to select a nominee for president by popular vote. (Sec. 1)

Amendments

Committee on Municipal Oversight & Elections

- 1. Clarifies that a political party must provide a method of voting for uniformed services and uniformed overseas citizens.
- 2. Makes a spelling correction.

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